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II. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested. Claims 1-3, 4, 8, 10, 14 and 15 have been cancelled and claims 6-7, 9, 11-13, and 16-19 remain pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant respectfully acknowledges the examiner's indication that claims 11-13 and 17-19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claims 11-13 and 17-19 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 4-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,911,768 to Sasaki (Sasaki) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,101,355 to Wada et al (Wada).

Claims 8-10 and 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sasaki (Sasaki) in view of Wada et al. (Wada) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,075,855 to Sugasawa, et al. (Sugasawa).

Claims 4, 8, 10, 14, and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 6-7 and 9 have been amended to depend from claim 11, indicated by the examiner as containing

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allowable subject matter. In addition, claim 16 has been amended to depend from claim 17 noted by the examiner as also including allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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